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British research scientists Jonathan and Merriam Drew were working on top secret government genetic experiments when a lab accident damaged the chromosomes of their unborn daughter Jessica!

As Jessica grew, her father experimented on her, using her as a guinea pig, studying the fallout of her pre-natal lab accident. When Merriam tried to stop her husband's experiments, the scene turned very violent and young Jessica defended her mother, lashing out at her father with fantastic powers she didn't even know she had. After attacking her father, Jessica blacked out.

Ten years later, Jessica awoke out of a coma and found herself in the care of an old family friend: General Herbert Wyndham. Jessica soon discovered that Wyndham was in charge of a cell of the independent espionage organization known as Hydra.

Trained in advanced martial arts and filled with hatred for anyone who would stand in Hydra's way, Jessica was molded into the perfect weapon.

When Jessica's lover, Hydra agent Jared Gold, was captured by S.H.I.E.L.D., Jessica was dispatched to kill S.H.I.E.L.D.'s director Nick Fury -- a man she believed to be a danger to both Hydra and the world...

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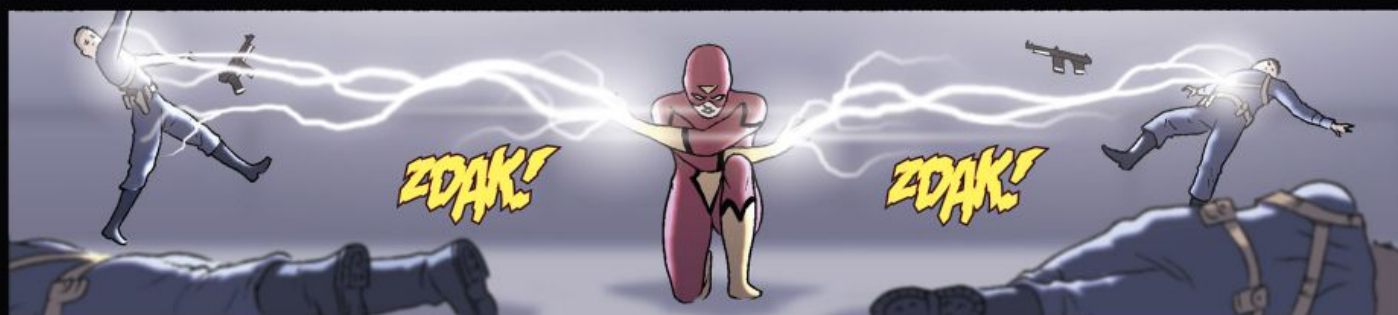
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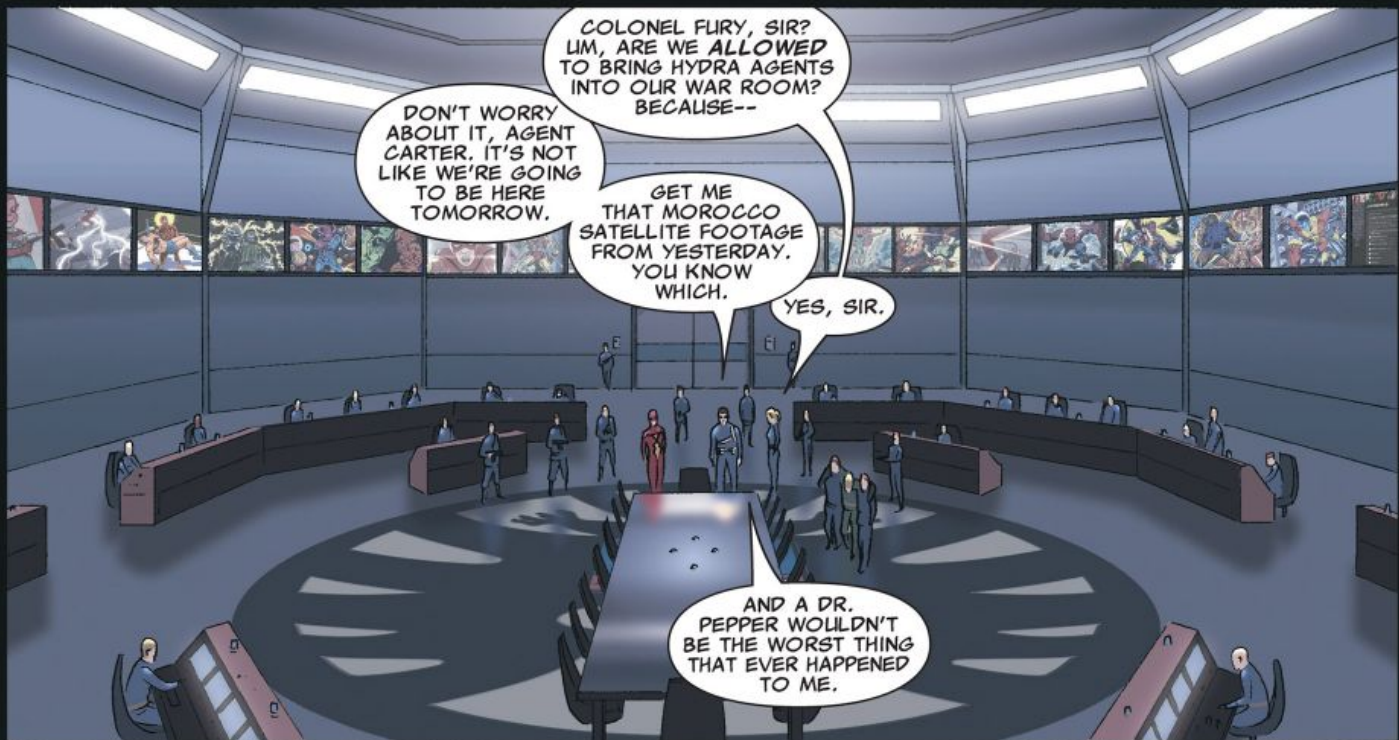






WHAT...
WHAT IS
THIS?

THE REAL
WORLD.



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT, AGENT
CARTER. IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'RE GOING
TO BE HERE
TOMORROW.

COLONEL FURY, SIR?
UM, ARE WE ALLOWED
TO BRING HYDRA AGENTS
INTO OUR WAR ROOM?
BECAUSE--

GET ME
THAT MOROCCO
SATELLITE FOOTAGE
FROM YESTERDAY.
YOU KNOW
WHICH.

YES, SIR.

AND A DR.
PEPPER WOULDN'T
BE THE WORST THING
THAT EVER HAPPENED
TO ME.



WHAT ARE
YOU GOING TO
DO TO ME?

EVENTUALLY
I'M GOING TO HAVE
YOU GO AND APOLOGIZE
TO MY MEN WHO YOU
ZAPPED UNCONSCIOUS
BACK THERE...

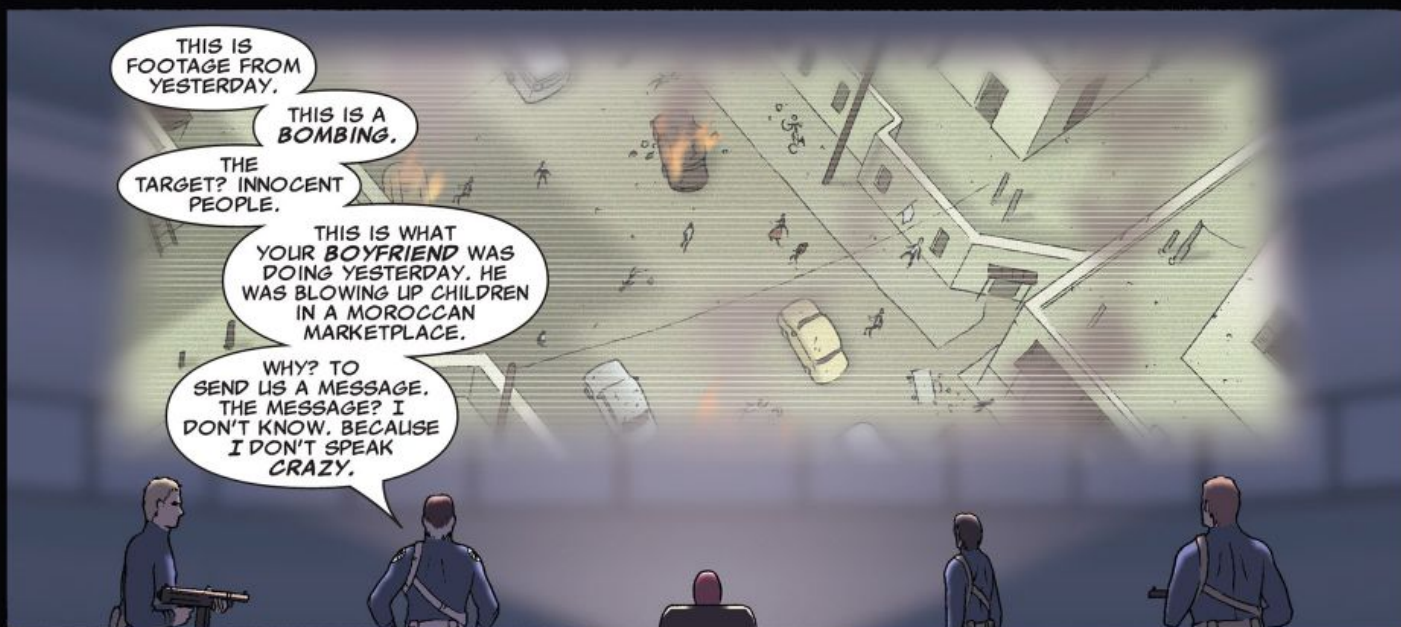
...BUT TODAY
WE HAVE OTHER
STUFF. TODAY IS
YOUR BIRTHDAY,
GIRL.

TODAY'S
THE DAY YOU
GROW THE
HELL UP.



THE
FOOTAGE
IS LOADED,
SIR.

I WASN'T
JOKING ABOUT THAT
DR. PEPPER!!





LOAD THE WINDAGORE/DREW FOOTAGE. YOU KNOW THE ONE.

AND THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE, JESSICA.

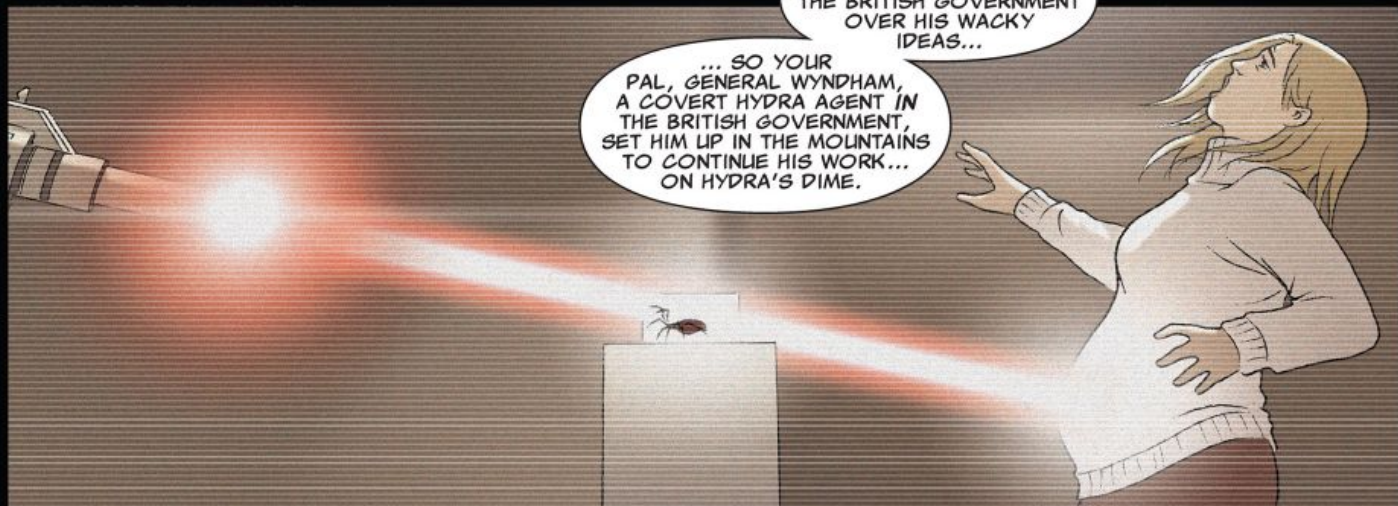
TERRORISTS.

THERE AIN'T NO OTHER WORD THAT DESCRIBES 'EM.

HYDRA, OVER THE YEARS, HAS INVESTED IN SEVERAL GENETIC EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS THAT LOOKED LIKELY TO PRODUCE MATERIAL THEY COULD USE IN THEIR TERRORIST EFFORTS.

YOUR DADDY HAD A FALLING-OUT WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OVER HIS WACKY IDEAS...

... SO YOUR PAL, GENERAL WYNDHAM, A COVERT HYDRA AGENT IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, SET HIM UP IN THE MOUNTAINS TO CONTINUE HIS WORK... ON HYDRA'S DIME.



OUR INTEL SUGGESTS THAT YOUR PARENTS THOUGHT THEY WERE STILL WORKING FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT--

--WHICH MAKES THEM PRETTY DAMN NAIVE IN MY BOOK.

OR DELUDED. YOUR PICK.



AND JUST LIKE THE GUY WHO INVENTED PENICILLIN, YOUR DAD'S BEST RESULTS WERE ACCIDENTS.

YOU KNOW, LIKE YOU.

I'M SORRY TO SAY, YOUR PARENTS LIVES WERE DESTROYED UP THERE IN THOSE MOUNTAINS--

--AND WHEN HYDRA FOUND YOU THEY PUT YOU IN A TANK...



...FOR TEN YEARS.

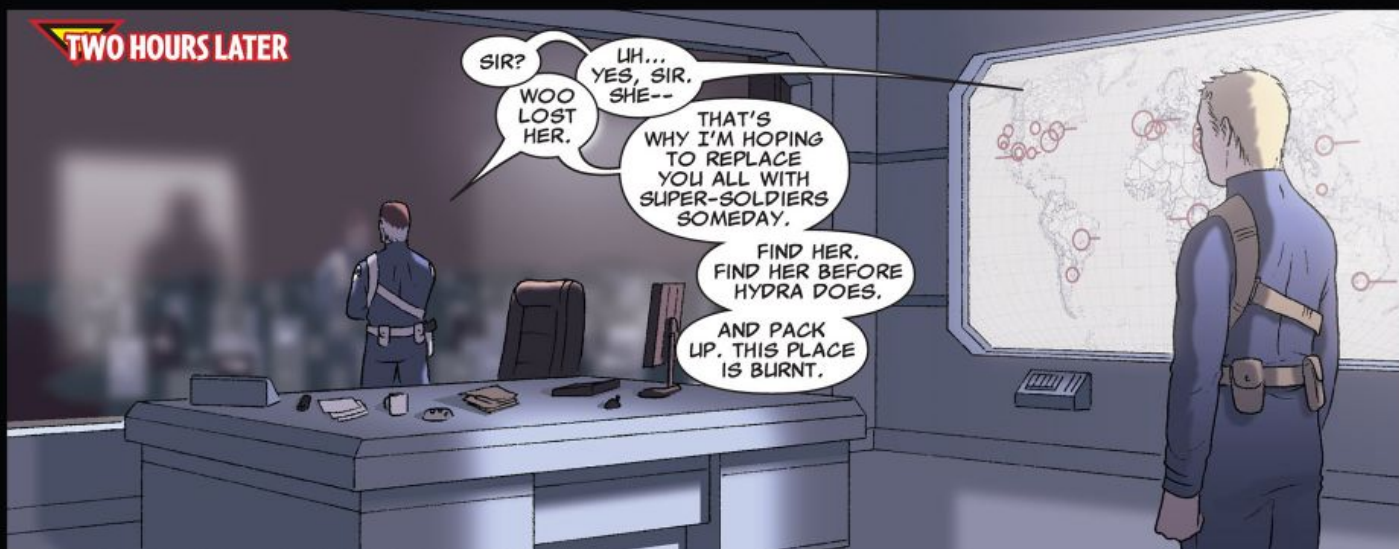
LIKE A FISH.

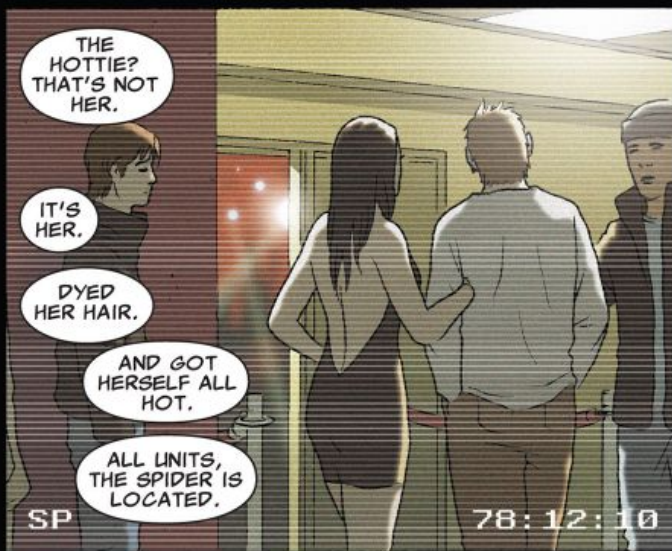
POKING AT YOUR DNA, SCRAPING CELLS. KEEPING YOU ALIVE TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD MAKE OUT OF YOU.

TRYING TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR FATHER'S WORK ANY WAY THEY COULD SHORT OF DISSECTING YOU.

AND OUR INTEL SAYS THEY WERE PRETTY CLOSE TO DOING THAT TOO.













I SAT IN
A S.H.I.E.L.D.
HOLDING CELL
FOR EIGHT
MONTHS--

YOU KNOW,
S.H.I.E.L.D.?
WHERE YOU
LEFT ME.

EIGHT
MONTHS OF PSYCHIC
INTERROGATION.

EIGHT MONTHS
BEFORE HYDRA COULD
MOUNT A PROPER RESCUE
OPERATION.

AND EVERY
DAY I SAT THERE,
I THOUGHT ABOUT
YOU.

EVERY
DAY.
I
REALLY
DID.

SWEETY.

I HELD IN
THE VOMIT AS I
THOUGHT BACK TO
ALL THE TIMES I HAD
TO PLAY NICE-NICE
WITH YOU.

HONEY.



YOU FIGURED
THAT OUT,
RIGHT?

THAT WYNDHAM
ORDERED ME TO
HAVE A RELATIONSHIP
WITH YOU?

SHMOOPIE.

TO KEEP AN
EYE ON YOU. TO
PUSH YOU TO DO
WHAT WE NEEDED
YOU TO DO.

SWEET
CHEEKS.



I MEAN, BACK THEN,
TECHNICALLY, YOU HAD
THE BRAIN OF A SEVEN-
YEAR-OLD, RIGHT?

JUST OUT
OF A COMA. YOU
WERE ALMOST LIKE
A RETARD.

MAKING OUT
WITH SOMEONE
WHOSE BRAIN WAS
STILL CHILDLIKE--
IT'S JUST--IT WAS
SO SICKENING.

IT WAS
DISGUSTING.



STOP--





